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## THE GAZETTE.

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN. THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION. BY THE GOVERNOR.

Through the goodness of Almighty God, health, peace, prosperity, and security to people and property have been accorded to the people of Wisconsin the past year, and our industries have received abundant rewards. Because of these benefits it is due that we reverently, and with sincere hearts return thanks to Him for His blessings.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, I, Jeremiah M. Rusk, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby appoint

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1887, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people of this State abstain from their usual vocations and return thanks for the innumerable blessings bestowed upon them by the Supreme Ruler, and that they remember by substantial benefactions and kindly deeds, the poor and afflicted among them.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, Done at the City of Janesville, this 27th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

J. M. RUSK.  
By the Governor:  
Eugene G. Thane, Secretary of State.

### DOING HIS DUTY.

Probably the most remarkable hold-over discovered in this state or in any other, is that near Marinette, an account of which has already appeared in the Gazette. Just as soon as the sickening details of Julia Howden's story reached Governor Rusk, he sent the following letter to the Hon. H. O. Fairchild, district attorney of Marinette county:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, MADISON, WIS., Oct. 29, 1887.—Hon. H. O. Fairchild, District Attorney, Marinette, Wis.—Dear Sir: Enclosed I send you a copy of a Chicago paper, giving the story of Julia Howden, who claims she was kidnapped into a den of infamy in your county, and forced to lead a life of shame, until forcibly liberated by outside assistance. I think this case demands immediate investigation. As you are well aware this is not the first complaint that has been made. I hope, for the good name of your county and of the state, that it will be the last, and that a vigorous prosecution may be enforced against these denizens, if they exist, as alleged.

I stand ready to give you all the assistance in my power in the enforcement of the law.

Yours truly,  
J. M. Rusk.

Mr. Fairchild is a very worthy man and will not trifle with the matter. Many of our readers will remember him as speaker of the assembly two years ago, and as a thorough lawyer as well as a man who is not afraid to do his duty, the public may expect that the foul blot in Marinette county will be speedily wiped out.

A dispatch from Marinette says that the Lehigh des is in the town of Peshtigo, and not in Marinette. And this bit of history is stolen to the despatch. Since Marinette became a city the town of Peshtigo has taken the big drives which used to be located in the township of Marinette under its protection by taking all the former territory of Marinette township, excepting a small area which was made into the town of Port Huron and Waunakee. This was ostensibly the act of the county board of supervisors, but really the act of W. A. Ellis, the superintendent of the Peshtigo company and chairman of Peshtigo town from time immemorial. Since the arrangement the drives have had all their own way. Before this, while they were within the territorial limits of Marinette, they were harassed by legal proceedings that they were about broken up, and the big drive now attracting so much attention was little over a year ago practically obliterated to suspend business for a long time. The people here are astounded at the late disclosures, and the most of them are ready and anxious to co-operate with the authorities in any reasonable effort to suppress the infamous traffic, although the safety is being perpetuated in a neighboring town. The authorities have hitherto been lax in the matter, but to relieve the community here from the taint of infamy it is expected that some effective steps will be taken to rid this part of the country of these denizens.

### THE REAPPORTIONMENT ERROR.

Some of the democratic papers have been taking much comfort in attempting to make their readers believe that the last legislature created 101 assembly districts contrary to the provisions of the state constitution. The facts in the case are these, as gathered from the State Journal. The legislature enacted that the towns of Ashippun, Lebanon, Hudson, Keshon, Herman, Embury, Oak Grove, Williamson and Theresa and the fifth and sixth wards of the city of Watertown should constitute the third assembly district of Dodge county; but the fifth and sixth wards of the city of Watertown do not touch any point of the remainder of the territory of the district, and that is exactly the cause of all the trouble. These wards extend upward into the township of Emmet, were surrounded on three sides by the territory of that township, while the remaining side is bounded by Jefferson county. The township of Emmet is contiguous to the township of Lebanon, which is in the third district, but that fact does not help the case any, as the municipal wards are independent of the township.

The Journal also says that Secretary of State Rusk does not see how any trouble need arise from the error. He has fully determined upon the plan he intends to pursue, and apprehends no obstacle being interposed to its successful execution. The reapportionment enactment, in which the above mistake was made, possesses a safety clause which says: "In case any town, city or ward, has not been attached to or included in any assembly district by its proper name or designation, or has been omitted from any cause in this act, such town will be a part of the assembly district in which the adjoining town having the least population in the same senatorial district is situated, and such city or ward shall be a part of the assembly district in which the adjoining town or ward having the largest population in the same senatorial district is situated."

When he issues his election notices next fall, Mr. Rusk says he will hold that, as the two wards in question were unconstitutionally attached to the third district, they were not attached at all, and therefore come under the head of omitted territory.

This will keep the case out of the courts and make an extra session of the legislature, which has been suggested, entirely unnecessary.

The coal interest has evidently had more protection from the general government than it deserves. It has grown so strong that it has become absolutely tyrannical, and it is high time the people should protect themselves from its unscrupulous extortion. The extortioners are governed only by their ability to exact, and have altogether ceased to be governed by the laws which generally regulate trade. When Congress comes in to consider the revenue question this winter, the coal interest ought to get out of the way.

The foregoing is from the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, a republican paper. If the editor of that paper had kept up with the discussion regarding the coal interest he would have saved himself from falling into the blunder of writing such a paragraph as the one here reproduced. The Gazette has stated time and time again in answer to the opponents of the tariff laws that there is no duty on hard coal; and it has been shown frequently that the coal ring controls only this kind of coal, so that protection has nothing to do with the organization of that ring. Probably the Nonpareil got its cue from the Chicago Tribune, which has charged that the tariff on coal made it possible for the coal ring to organize, when it knew that it was lying when it made the charge.

The President—Dan, did I make any mistake in my Georgia speeches?

Dan—None that I remember. You stuck to the truth.

The President—Yes, yes, I know that. I told you that I expected me to keep over the Lost Cause and wipe my eyes on a Confederate flag or anything of that kind, did you?

Dan—Certainly not.

The President—(magnifying) I don't know, Dan, I don't know. I thought I was warmly received, but I've had a sort of feeling within the last few days that I must have been mistaken. Something seems to tell me I'm small potatoes down there, comparatively speaking. I must have missed it somehow, Dan.—Chicago Tribune.

### LOST ON THE LAKE.

The Propeller Vernon Founders Off Two Rivers, Wis.

THIRTY PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

The Wreck and Struggling Passengers Nighted by Vicious Weather to Render Assistance—Disasters to Other Lake Craft.

SUNK IN THE GALE.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Oct. 31.—The propeller Vernon of the Northern Michigan line, plying between Chicago and Cheyaggon, foundered in the terrible gale of Saturday off Two Rivers and all on board are supposed to be lost. The number is estimated at thirty. It is believed here that the boat carried a crew of twenty-six, and three passengers are reported from Mackinac and Cheyaggon. The names of those who were on board so far as they are known follow:

Captain George Thierpe, of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Captain John Sullivan, of Chicago, mate, who formerly sailed the steamer Coler. West; Captain Larry Higgins, of Chicago, second mate, who sailed the steam-barge Island last year; E. W. Harris, of Chicago, clerk, eldest son of one of the owners of the line; Charles Harris, of Chicago, first engineer; Frank M. Hall, of Chicago, second engineer; Maria Le Beau, of Chicago, steward; Henry Le Beau, of Chicago, porter, a brother of Maria; Miss Gallagher, of Madison; Miss Sallie Durkin, of Chicago; C. Baumgaert, of Chicago; Roy Hinkley, of Chicago, cabin boy.

Besides the nine members of the crew named above, the Vernon carried an additional cabin boy, two wheelmen, two firemen, two cooks, and eight dock hands, most of whom lived in Chicago.

The wreck involves a greater loss of life than any of the previous disasters on the lake this season, not excepting the propeller Champlain, which burned early in the spring off Cheyaggon, drowning twenty-four persons. A most singular coincidence is that the Vernon was the vessel which took the place of the Champlain in the Northern Michigan line and had only been on the line three days.

She was one of the finest furnished passenger boats on the lakes and had a valuation of \$75,000.

Captain North, of the Superior, saw three or four rafts with men clinging to them, and also a small boat containing a woman and three men. Though he made an effort to rescue them the high sea prevented the rendering of any assistance, and the Superior's crew best efforts. Said Captain North:

"With the exception of the cooks, our entire crew of twenty men, over the vessel, were down below, some of them steering the vessel with a temporary tackle which we had rigged up, while the others were trying to reach the buoy. Our utter helplessness was connected from the rudder post, leaving us at the mercy of the sea, until we managed to stop the vessel. With this we were able to keep the vessel out of the trough of the sea and keep her before the gale. It was three hours before we had made repairs so that we could handle ourselves, and then we were out of sight of the wrecked vessel."

It was about 10 o'clock in the morning when the first signs of the wreck in the shape of floating cargo and furniture were seen. About an hour later the rafters were visible. On some of the occupants were almost gone, while others remained. The Superior's crew arrived Saturday night, and Captain Williams reported meeting the wrecked vessel and the fact of the loss of the Vernon. The wreck was located northeast of Two Rivers point and passing through it for fifteen minutes. The wreckage consisted of barrel staves, furniture, mattresses, etc. One of the crew of the Vernon claimed to have seen a corpse floating by. The pilot house, with one man upon it, was discovered too late to permit of an attempt to save the vessel, as it was impossible for the tug to turn back in the gale then blowing.

It is possible that some passing vessel may have picked up some of those who were fortunate enough to have sought refuge in a small boat or on a raft, and may not have yet reached a port at which they would land. But with the terrible sea that was running it would have been almost a miracle for other than a swimmer to have accomplished this.

With the northerly gale about all the steamers and sail craft bound down the lake were obliged to run in somewhere for shelter, while the vessels coming up the lake before the gale have reached Milwaukee, Chicago and the other west-shore ports before this time.

Captain Hawkins, of the schooner William Home, which arrived here yesterday morning, said he passed three dead bodies, one of which he found and of which he took possession. He reported that the bodies were found on the shore, and that the other two were floating in the water. He said that the bodies were found on the shore, and that the other two were floating in the water.

None of the other vessels arriving here yesterday saw any wreckage or bodies, most of them having passed in the night, while others were too far out to sea to see.

Martin Le Beau, the steward of the Vernon, was steward of the propeller Champlain when she burned some months ago. His wife and two children were with him when the Champlain was wrecked. He is now a resident of Chicago, and is now a resident of Chicago, and is now a resident of Chicago.

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### GERMANY'S SEIZURE OF SAMOA.

The Deposed King Tells How His Empire Was Wreathed from Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—The steamer Zealandia, from Australia, brings details of the seizure of Samoa, the German King of the Samoan islands, to the German officials. There is also to hand by this steamer a letter written by the King to the American and British consuls on the island a day or two before his surrender. Following is the full text of the letter:

"Mateloa, King of Samoa, writes this letter to you, as I am now in distress. When Chief Mateloa and others that composed the great troubles, it was my wish to punish them and put an end to the rebellion that they had raised. Acting, however, on advice, and under assurance of the British and American Consuls, I refrained from doing so. I was repeatedly told by the representatives of the British and American Governments that they would afford me and my Government assistance and protection if I abstained from doing any thing that might cause war among the Samoan people. Relying upon these promises, I did not put down the rebellion. Now I find that war has been made upon me by the Emperor of Germany, and that the German Government will compel me to yield to their power to prevent any people being slaughtered. I shall deliver myself up to the German forces to-morrow, and I shall be glad to see them, and out of love to my people, I desire to remind you of the promises so repeatedly made to your Government, and that you will do your best to redeem them. I desire to see the lives and liberties of my children and people to be respected. I wish to inform you that I have been forced to yield to their power to prevent any people being slaughtered. I shall deliver myself up to the German forces to-morrow, and I shall be glad to see them, and out of love to my people, I desire to remind you of the promises so repeatedly made to your Government, and that you will do your best to redeem them. I desire to see the lives and liberties of my children and people to be respected. I wish to inform you that I have been forced to yield to their power to prevent any people being slaughtered. 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